

NETTERS STILL GET

MACKEREL.

Eleven Boats at Fulton Market To-Day, all Having Fish.

Bad Weather and Fog Still Bothing the Seiners.

The prophecy of the wise ones that this was going to be a "netters spring" out south seems well on the way to verification, for this morning 11 of the netting fleet are at Fulton Market New York, and about all of them have fine fares.

- Those in port and their fares are:
- Sch. Massasoit, 1600 large fresh mackerel.
 - Sloop Maxwell, 1000 large fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. Lillian, 2500 large fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. Priscilla, 800 large fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. N. A. Rowe, 1000 large fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. Carrie E., 850 large fresh mackerel.
 - Sloop Lear C., 800 large fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. Leif Erickson, 1400 large fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. Crustacean, 600 large fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. M. T. Rackett, 400 large fresh mackerel.
 - Sch. Mabel Bryson, 3200 large fresh mackerel.

Bad weather and fog is Still the Lot of the Seining Fleet Out South,

and many of the craft are expected here before the week is out to fit for the Cape Shore.

"Easterly winds and fog" is the burden of recent letters received from the seining fleet by the Times.

Sch. Speculator was at Lemes, Delaware breakwater, on Wednesday, for a haul of 10,000 fish. He wouldn't go to harbor and sailed again Thursday. Capt. McKay said that if he could get 10,000 fish, he wouldn't go to the Cape Shore, but would hang out in the southern waters.

The fish commission sch. Grampus was at Delaware breakwater Sunday during a heavy easterly and fog mull. The fog bank has held almost continuously off shore for several days. No fish have been seen or reported.

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John F. Vautier, came home here from south yesterday afternoon. She has been gone two months, being the second vessel of the fleet to get away this spring. Capt. Vautier, when asked about the season to the southward and the failure of the seiners to get fares said:

"Bad weather about all the time, with considerable fog and very few schools of fish soon tells the whole story.

"We saw hardly any fish and set our seine I think only five times. There were a few small pods showing the night Bisset got the first haul, but they were wild and would not stay up. Capt. Frank Hall and Capt. Wesley Farmer reported seeing some good schools later. I guess you had a report of them, but there are lots of vessels out there that have not seen a solitary mackerel since they went out there.

"I see in the Times that you have called it the driest out south season on record. Well nobody will dispute you, as far as the seining fleet is concerned.

"It's a wonder we didn't all go crazy. I guess some of us are pretty near it. You take a fleet of 45 or 50 vessels, cruising over a big piece of ground day and night and

Looking, Looking, Looking, for Something That Don't Show Up.

then stick in a lot of bad weather, and fog and making for harbor in with it, and I tell you it gets on a man's nerves. Every skipper and every man out there were hungry for fish and worked hard, realizing that one good catch would mean a whole spring's work, but the fish didn't show; what few did were wild as hawks and that's about all there is to it. I see the netters are hitting them. Well, I am glad someone is getting a dollar. It'll come in handy around here if the seiners continue to get up against it."

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Boston dealers had 80 barrels of fresh mackerel from New York and Newport yesterday. There were some medium fish among them.

Schs. Cherokee and Reliance have sailed south mackerel netting.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes and sloop Sarah are fitting for south mackerel netting trips.

The mackerel netters Marguerite and N. A. Rowe were at Brooklyn, N. Y., for harbor Friday and reported heavy weather on the passage out from here.

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Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Last year the Japanese put in operation their first net and twine factory, but owing to the machines (which are of German make) tying slip knots, it was considered a failure. Inquiries were made for a machine that would tie a perfect knot.

The latest development in fish transport is the use of an electrically propelled parcel and fish van, now being employed on the electrified lines of the North-Eastern Railway in the neighborhood of Newcastle. The van has four compartments, arranged to give a driver's cab at each end, with divisions in the centre for luggage and fish respectively. The van is 55 feet long, and is carried on pressed steel bogies with 3 feet wheels, the couplings and buffers being so arranged that the van can be coupled to either a steam or electric train without delay.

A German paper said recently: "Herrings are getting worse. Scotland, our chief source of supply, has been very unreliable. The Scotch herrings are not equal to what they were formerly—a sad thing for the lower classes, who live mostly on them." This is regarded as libellous by Scotch and English exporters, and a vigorous protest is being made.

Larger Lobsters at Boston.

The lobster fishermen of Boston are surprised by the size of the lobsters which they are daily catching for they exceed in weight anything that has been seen in the market for years and they have been lower in price there the past week than for several years. An experienced lobsterman is quoted as having said "I get from three to six lobsters a day now of a size which a year ago I would have considered enormous. I don't know how you'll explain. Our traps are much the same and the law against small fry has not been in operation long enough to make any difference in the size or at least affect the size of this year's catch." Considering the great increase in the number daily caught and the bigger size it is evident that they come from unexploited beds where they have been sporting and fattening for years.

Grimsby Fish Receipts.

According to the annual report of the Grimsby, (Eng.) Chamber of Commerce, the returns of Grimsby's fishing industry show landings during 1908 of 3,429,000 cwt. of wet fish of the value of £2,856,500, a decrease of 318,000 cwt., and £33,500 on the previous year's returns. These figures, however, are not entirely complete. The number of steam fishing vessels on the register at the end of the year was 551, representing 39,407 tons, compared with 563 steamers of 39,407 tons in 1907. The decrease of twelve vessels on the year is due to a number of transfers and the sale of several vessels, many of which have been replaced by larger types. This is illustrated in the fact that 784,676 tons of coal were used by the steam fishing fleet, against 768,119 tons in 1907.

Sunfish Whale.

A huge fish, said to be a sunfish whale, has been sporting about Bedford Basin, N. S., the past week, and people who have seen it say it appears to be of a whitish cast and spouts water as do whales; others, however, contend it is a porpoise. The big fish is supposed to have followed in the herring bait, of which there have lately been large quantities in the basin. Its sporting grounds appear to be off the shores of Birch Cove and Gray's Point, and some of the colonists of Peldoulencho, the village in that vicinity, where a number of Halifax citizens make their summer homes, claim it is a sea serpent, and its presence marks recognition of their village as a recognized summer resort.

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Halibut Trip at New York.

Last week, for the first time in 18 months, a smack load of eastern white halibut reached Fulton Fish Market. It arrived on sch. Kingsland and hailed to the George T. Moon Co. There were 90 fish in the lot. The selling price varied from nine to 14 cents per pound.

MARKET DULL AT BOSTON.

Many Provincetown Vessels at T Wharf Today.

It is sort of a Provincetown day at T wharf this morning, for nine out of the 23 arrivals hail from the former port. The vessels are in on a dull market and struck low prices.

The Portland pollock seiner Marlon E. Turner is there with 60,000 pounds of these fish, but could not dispose of them to the dealers and so will bring them to this port to split. Sch. Hope, one of the last of the market boats to get in, had not sold her fare at 9 o'clock. Sch. Catherine D. Enos, which arrived there yesterday with 11,000 pounds of cod, did not sell and will bring her fish here.

Some of the Provincetowners have good fares. Sch. Mary C. Santos has 45,000 pounds of cod and haddock, sch. Louise C. Cabral 24,000 pounds, sch. Louisa R. Sylvia 20,000 pounds, sch. Harvester 32,000 pounds and sch. Jesse Costa 30,000 pounds.

The drift fisherman Joseph H. Cromwell has 22,000 pounds of fresh cod and the Cape Porpoise sch. Sylvia M. Nunan has 41,000 pounds, about all hake.

Trade is dull and the buyers were not eager for fish. At the opening, haddock sold at \$1.50 and \$1.75, large cod \$2. to \$2.10 and market cod \$1.25. Hake went at from 60 cts. to \$2 and a few pollock brought 75 cents. The chances are that all the fish will not be taken out at these figures.

Large Pollock Receipts at Newburyport.

It is estimated that about 50,000 pounds of pollock and cod were brought into Newburyport Friday. In addition to Taylor Short's crew, which brought in about 17,000 pounds, and Walter King's boat which landed about 10,000 weight in the morning, William Brooks and crew arrived in the early afternoon with about 15,000 pounds aboard. The Geraldine arrived shortly afterward with about a ton of fish. In addition to these many smaller boats came to anchor all with good catches.

It was a busy scene at the wharves throughout the afternoon. Many fishermen were engaged in opening the fish and preparing them for market. The fish, piled high, gave a landsman the impression that there was nothing left in the sea but the jetties and the sea serpent.

The fishermen all wore the smile that wouldn't come off, for it was the first big catch of the year and the individual share money would be above the average.

The Joppaite, Capt. Short in charge, and the Beatrice A., Nestor Thurlow in command, reached Newburyport Friday from Boston bay.

Nova Scotia Lobsters at Portland.

The first shipment of Nova Scotia lobsters has been received at Portland, arriving Sunday on sch. Edith M. Thompson, which had 8000 on board. They were taken on at Port Matoun where a number of other Portland boats are loading and they are expected to arrive here within a short time. According to the reports circulated the other steamers which are due at Portland will carry as large a number and some more than did the Thompson. This traffic will grow during the summer and it is possible that more lobsters than ever will be received here than at any past time from the Nova Scotia points. The lobsters are now being carried into the different ports in large numbers and all of them are being shipped live. Hundreds of thousands have been sent to Boston and the price has been falling until at the present time it is less than half that at the beginning of the season. The Portland market has also been affected and as long as the importations continue it will be influenced by them.

Marine Mishaps.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney came from Boston yesterday afternoon with her main-topmast gone.

Sch. Victor and Ethan is from Boston for a new main boom.

The French schooner Xenophon owned by La Morue Francaise Co., St. Pierre, came in at North Sydney, C. B., Wednesday morning with her mainmast top broken. Two anchors and about 150 lines from the fishing gear were also lost in the breeze that carried away the topmast head. The vessel has 400 quintals of fish on board and is refitting for sea.

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Spanish Mackerel.

The catches of Spanish mackerel being made in the gulf this season by Pensacola, Fla., fishermen are the largest ever known in the history of the oldest inhabitant. The weather has been fine for taking the fish, which are now moving westward, which they do each year. At St. Andrews bay recently one haul brought in 16,000 pounds or eight tons mackerel. This is the largest haul ever on record along the gulf coast, so far as is known by fishermen. Many hauls of from 5,000 to 10,000 pounds have been made during the past two weeks, and the wholesale fish houses are crowded with mackerel.

Captured Two Monkfish.

Sch. Flora J. Sears brought in two ugly-looking monk fish at Boston yesterday morning. Both were large, and one of the two was very heavy. The latter fish was opened at the wharf, and two large haddock, one weighing six pounds, were taken from its stomach. The fish had swallowed the haddock whole and had not had a chance to digest them before it tried to get another one off the trawl hook and got caught itself.

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Local Receipts Light.

One trip of fresh pollock, sch. Mary Emerson, with 9,000 pounds, was the sole fishing arrival here this morning. Yesterday afternoon sch. Pauline, arrived with 25,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Eglantine with 38,000 pounds of salt cod, both from drift fishing. sch. Monarch, from south seining, also came in during the afternoon, as well as a few market boats down from Boston with no fish.

Large Halibut.

In the lot of fresh halibut landed at Portland yesterday by sch. Lawrence Murdock were four fish which weighed, together, 800 pounds. One of them pulled the scales down at 212 pounds. The trip sold at 7 cents per pound for white and 5 cents for gray. The vessel took bait and ice and will return to Georges.

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Fish at Newburyport.

The gasoline boat Alice landed 13,000 pounds of fresh fish at Newburyport Saturday, and Capt. Walter King's gasoliner was in with 10,000 pounds.

Rips Cod Sale.

The fare of salt Rips cod of sch. E. C. Hussey sold to Davis Bros. at \$3.12½ per hundred weight for large and \$2.75 for medium.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Pauline, Rips, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Eglantine, Rips, 37,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Mary Emerson, shore, 9,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Monarch, south seining.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, via Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Gladstone, Provincetown.
Steamer Independence, Ipswich Bay, 7,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Effie M. Prior, south seining.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Georges.
Sch. M. Madeleine, south mackerel netting.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$3; snapper do., \$1.75.
Bank halibut 8 1-2 cents per pound for white and 6 1-2 cents per pound for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Large "halibut" cod, salt, \$3 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.50; snapper do., \$1.50.
Large "Drift" Georges cod, salt, \$3.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium do., \$2.75; snapper do., \$1.75.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium do., \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$2.75 per cwt.; medium, \$2.50, snappers, \$1.50
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Round pollock, 50c per cwt.

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PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Steamer Reliance, Boston for Portland.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. Gladstone came from Provincetown yesterday afternoon to fit out for dory handlining. She is on Parkhurst's railways today.

Sch. W. H. Moody is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. Monarch is on Burnham's railways.

Sch. Rose Standish is soon to install a gasoline engine, for auxiliary power.

Sch. George H. Lube is on the Rocky Neck railways and have a 30 horse power Globe gasoline engine put in, after which Capt. Lube will fit her for swordfishing.

Sch. Gracie is on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Maud F. Silva is on Burnham's railways.

Boston.

Sch. Dixie, 4,000 cod.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 2,000 cod, 35,000 hake, 4,000 cusk.
Sch. Marion E. Turner, 60,000 pollock.

Sch. Buema, 8,000 haddock, 7,000 cod, 7,000 hake, 2,000 cusk.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 18,000 haddock, 8,000 cod, 2,000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 15,000 haddock, 6,000 cod, 7,000 hake.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 4,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 15,000 hake.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 6,000 haddock, 9,000 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 1,000 cod.

Sch. Klondike, 700 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Washakie, 5,000 haddock, 6,000 cod, 4,000 hake.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 8,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 5,000 haddock, 7,000 cod, 4,000 hake.

Sch. Louise R. Sylvia, 9,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Jesse Costa, 10,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 22,000 cod.

Sch. Arbitrator, 5,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Harvester, 12,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 4,000 haddock, 4,500 cod, 1,000 hake.

Sch. Motor, 5,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 33,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2,000 hake.

Sch. Hope, 8,000 haddock, 2,500 cod, 5,000 hake.

Sch. Richard, 4,000 haddock, 5,000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.00 to \$2.10; market cod, \$1.25; hake, 60c to \$2.00; pollock, 75c.

Portland Fish Arrivals.

Steamer Robert and Edwin was in Saturday with 3,000 pounds of fresh fish.

About 50,000 pounds were brought in Sunday, as follows:

Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 16,000 pounds.

Sch. W. H. Reed, 3,000 pounds.

Sch. Fanny Hayden, 6,000 pounds.

Sloop Defender, 5,000 pounds.

Sloop Minerva, 5,000 pounds.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

The Provincetown schooner American, Capt. Matheson, which has been fitting out at Long Wharf, Boston, for the salt cod fisheries, sailed yesterday afternoon. She will call at Provincetown for additional supplies, and will then proceed north on a five months' cruise.

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NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTIONS.

Returns to Date Very Meagre but Show Morris Lead.

A St. John's dispatch says: "Returns from Saturday's parliamentary elections are still very meagre and indecisive, showing only that thus far that eight of the 36 seats have been won by the adherents of the acting premier, Sir Edward Morris, and two by the supporters of Sir Robert Bond. There are no political changes in any of the districts reporting today."

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NO CLAM LAW THIS YEAR.

Legislative Committee Recommend Reference to Next General Court.

(Special to the Times.)

State House, Boston, May 12—The legislative committee on fisheries and game reported in the house today reference to the next general court of the clam flat bill, which provided for the leasing of clam flats as recommended by the commissioners of fisheries and game and opposed by the clam interests of Plum Island, Ipswich, Newburyport and Gloucester.

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BOSTON MARKET
UNUSUALLY DULL.Well Supplied With Fish of
All Kinds.

Trade in fresh fish at Boston is still unusually dull and the market is quite full of many kinds besides those brought in by our vessels, therefore the 21 vessels at T wharf, Boston, this morning are not hitting anything like high figures for their goods.

Those of the vessels, with from 50,000 to 65,000 pounds each, are from off shore and two of them, schs. Aspinet and Alice M. Guthrie will have to bring their trips here to face the splitters' knives.

About half of the fleet in are the "mosquito" boats, which dodge in and out every day, and have small catches.

Of the market boats, sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, with 24,000 pounds, is high. Sch. Nettie Franklin has 23,000 pounds and sch. Flavilla 22,000 pounds. The other catches range from 1500 to 18,000 pounds.

When the bell rung this morning the prices were \$1.75 to \$2.50 for haddock, the same for large cod, \$1.25 to \$1.50 for market cod, 80 cents for pollock, and \$1 to \$1.25 for hake. Haddock and large cod were about the only kinds that were moving and only a few went at the above figures.

There were a lot of bluefish, butterfish and weakfish brought to Boston yesterday with some scup and a few shad. The next boat from the Kennebec is expected to bring up a lot of the latter fish.

FEW ARRIVALS AT THIS PORT.

Fish from Boston Coming Here for the
Splitters.

There are but few arrivals at this port today. Sch. Marion E. Turner, with 60,000 pounds of fresh pollock, came from Boston yesterday afternoon and sch. Catherine D. Enos with 11,000 pounds of fresh cod also came here, both trips going to split. Just before dark sch. Fish Hawk came in from Georges handlining with 28,000 pounds of salt cod and 15,000 pounds of halibut. The steamer Independence had 7,000 pounds of pollock yesterday afternoon. There were no arrivals early this morning.

Must Stock Fishing Grounds.

Dr. L. H. Bailey, of Cornell, expresses the belief that civilization has passed the hunting stage with staple food fishes, as with cattle and sheep. We must "come to a scientific development and utilization of water fields"—that is, stock them with fish as we stock our pastures. We are doing this with shad in the Potomac, the Susquehanna and the Delaware rivers, and in every other Atlantic coastal stream; with black bass, crappies, rock bass, brook trout, land-locked salmon, lake trout and the more desirable catfishes in the eastern half of the country; with salmon in the Hudson and Delaware; with brook trout, striped bass, rainbow trout, oysters, frogs, lobsters and crabs on the Pacific coast and in the Western rivers and lakes, and with European carp in every farmer's fish pond of the land.—New York Fishing Gazette.

Queer Looking Fish Caught.

A strange looking fish was recently caught at Fernandina, Fla., by three of the residents of that place. It weighed 400 pounds, was six feet in length and five feet in width, with a tail six feet long on which were two dangerous looking eight-inch prongs with needle-like points. The fish was encased in a shell like a turtle, but the shell was covered with great spots of various colors, and out of the shell protruded a dog's head, with long flopping ears. The curiosity was brought to the city and was viewed by many old fishermen, among whom it created the greatest astonishment, as nothing approaching it had ever been seen by any of them.